



**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HCV FUSION PROTEINS WITH MODIFIED NS3 DOMAINS**

the specification of which (check one)      is attached hereto   x   was filed on **July 2, 2003**, as United States Application No. **10/612,884**, and was amended on      (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<b>60/167,502</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>24/11/1999</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>60/393,694</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>02/07/2002</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>60/394,510</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>08/07/2002</b>	<b>X</b>	

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
		<u>Patented, Pending, Abandoned</u>
<b>09/721,479</b>	<b>22/11/2000</b>	<b>Pending</b>

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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